

Ronald Reagan Federal Building Designation Act: S. 2043, to designate a Federal building in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the "Ronald Reagan Federal Building"—clearing the measure for the President; Page H2422

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service: H. Con. Res. 388, amended, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service; and Pages H2422–23

Increased Capital Access for Growing Business Act: H.R. 3170, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to provide incentives for small business investment. Pages H2423–24

Recess: The House recessed at 12:23 p.m. and reconvened at 1:50 p.m. Page H2429

Permanent Extension of the Marriage Penalty Provisions in the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001: The House passed H.R. 4181, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the increased standard deduction, and the 15-percent individual income tax rate bracket expansion, for married taxpayers filing joint returns, by a recorded vote of 323 ayes to 95 noes, Roll No. 138. Pages H2429–49

The amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 108–470 was considered as adopted. Page H2429

Rejected the Rangel amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part B of H. Rept. 108–470 by a yea-and-nay vote of 189 yeas to 226 nays, Roll No. 136. Pages H2438–46

Rejected the Stenholm motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions by a yea-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 220 nays, Roll No. 137. Pages H2447–48

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the marriage penalty relief provided under the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001. Page H2449

H. Res. 607, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a voice vote. Pages H2424–27

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn on Friday, April 30 it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4 for Morning Hour debate. Page H2451

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, May 5. Page H2451

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative McIntyre to

the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Page H2451

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2409.

Senate Referral: S. 2315 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Page H2481

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2427–28, H2428–29, H2446, H2448, and H2448–49. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review Agricultural Trade Negotiations. Testimony was heard from Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture; and Robert B. Zoellick, U.S. Trade Representative.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Global Disease. Testimony was heard from Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on GPO. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GPO: Bruce R. James, Public Printer of the United States; William H. Turri, Deputy Public Printer; Steven T. Shedd, Chief Financial Officer; and Marc A. Nichols, Inspector General.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Capitol Police. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Capitol Police Board: Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms, U.S. House of Representatives, Chairman; William H. Pickle, Sergeant at Arms, U.S. Senate; Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol; and Terrance W. Gainer, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police; and Members of the Board.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies held a

hearing on the Federal Transit Administration. Testimony was heard from Jennifer L. Dorn, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation.

LABOR DEPARTMENT'S FINAL OVERTIME REGULATIONS WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled "Assessing the Impact of the Labor Department's Final Overtime Regulations on Workers and Employers Overtime Regulations." Testimony was heard from Elaine Chao, Secretary of Labor; and public witnesses.

SATELLITE HOME VIEWER IMPROVEMENT ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet approved for full Committee action, as amended, a measure reauthorizing the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act.

TRIA REVIEW—EFFECT ON THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprise and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled: "A Review of TRIA and Its Effect on the Economy: Helping America Move Forward." Testimony was heard from Wayne A. Abernathy, Assistant Secretary, Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; Richard J. Hillman, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and Gregory V. Serio, Superintendent, Department of Insurance, State of New York.

PRESIDENTIAL \$1 COIN ACT OF 2004; COIN AND CURRENCY DESIGN AND COUNTERFEITING ISSUES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3916, Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2004.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing entitled "Money Matters: Coin and Currency Design and Counterfeiting Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Henrietta H. Fore, Director, United States Mint; Thomas A. Ferguson, Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing; Bruce Townsend, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, U.S. Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security; Jeffrey C. Marquardt, Associate Director, Reserve Bank Operations and Payments Systems, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—GPO

Committee on House Administration: Held a oversight hearing on the GPO. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GPO: Bruce T. James, Public Printer of the United States; and Marc A. Nichols, Inspector General; Linda D. Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

UN OIL-for-FOOD PROGRAM

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the United Nations Oil-for-Food Program: Issues of Accountability and Transparency. Testimony was heard from Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

NORTH KOREA: HUMAN RIGHTS, REFUGEES AND HUMANITARIAN CHALLENGES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights held a joint hearing on North Korea: Human Rights, Refugees and Humanitarian Challenges. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE EUROPEAN UNION RECOGNIZING 50 YEARS OF RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe approved for full Committee action, as amended, H. Res. 577, Recognizing 50 years of relations between the United States Government and the European Union.

CRITICAL HABITAT REFORM ACT

Committee on Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 2933, Critical Habitat Reform Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Judge Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3744, To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites; S. 33, To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire, construct, or improve administrative sites;

S. 434, Idaho Panhandle National Forest Improvement Act of 2003; S. 435, Sandpoint Land and Facilities Conveyance Act of 2003; and S. 1537, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association certain land in the State of Arkansas for use as a cemetery. Testimony was heard from Representative Ross; and Tom Thompson, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, USDA.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2005.

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards held a hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2005 National Institute of Standards and Technology Budget: Views from Industry." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTEGRATED DEEPWATER SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Integrated Deepwater System. Testimony was heard from VADM Thomas J. Barrett, USCG, Vice Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—AGING WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held an oversight hearing on Aging Water Supply Infrastructure. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

DVA—RESEARCH ON ALZHEIMER'S, DIABETES AND PARKINSON'S DISEASES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' research on Alzheimer's, Diabetes and Parkinson's diseases. Testimony was heard from Judith Salerno, M.D., Deputy Director, National Institute on Aging, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Michael Kussman, M.D., Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Health and Timothy J. O'Leary, M.D., Director, Biomedical Laboratory R&D Services, Office of Chief Research and Development Officer, both with the Veterans Health Administration; Franklin J. Zieve, M.D., Associate Chief of Staff for Research, Richmond VA Medical Center; Robert Ferrante, Director, Experimental Neuropathology Program, Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center, Bedford VA Medical Center; and Mary Sano,

M.D., Acting Chief of Staff for Research, Bronx VA Medical Center.

OVERSIGHT DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS FIRST RESPONDER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response held an oversight hearing entitled "The Office for Domestic Preparedness First Responder Assistance Programs." Testimony was heard from C. Suzanne Mencer, Director, Office for Domestic Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security; and Dennis R. Schrader, Director, Governor's Office of Homeland Security, State of Maryland.

Joint Meetings

CONSUMER-DIRECTED DOCTORING

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine consumer-directed doctoring, focusing on alternatives to the traditional third-party payer health care system, innovative and entrepreneurial doctors who respond to gaps in the current medical care system, and reducing medical liability pressures, after receiving testimony from Robert S. Berry, PATMOS EmergiClinic, Inc., Greeneville, Tennessee; Alieta Eck, Zarephath Health Center, Zarephath, New Jersey; Bernard Kaminetsky, Colton and Kaminetsky, Boca Raton, Florida; and Robert A. Berenson, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine intellectual property rights, focusing on the problems of counterfeiting and piracy, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine counterterrorism initiatives and concerns in the terror finance program; and to hold a business meeting to consider the nominations of Romolo A. Bernardi, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary, Dennis C. Shea, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, and Cathy M. MacFarlane, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold an oversight hearing to examine National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, 10 a.m., SR-253.